



MRS. JAMES LEES (Revised Photo) Junior President

Mrs. James K. Lees Elected President of Junior Woman's Club at Wednesday Meeting

Mrs. James K. Lees, 28410 Saddle Rd., was unanimously elected to the presidency of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club at its meeting last Wednesday evening at the clubhouse. Mrs. Lees, whose husband is a practicing physician of Torrance, has lived in this area for the past three years, coming here from New York. She is the mother of two daughters, Allyson, 24 years old and Melinda, 2.

Mrs. Lees joined the club soon after arriving here. She was chairman of the Christmas tea two years ago and for the past year has served as philanthropy chairman.

The new president is also an active member of the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and she and her family are members of the San Pedro Presbyterian Church.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Lees were: Mrs. Russell Clawson, first vice president; Mrs. John Schwartz, second vice president; Mrs. C. T. Bolles, third vice president; Mrs. Philip Hoffman, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Wadell, treasurer; Mrs. George Blahnik, publicity; Miss Gerry Wood, auditor.

Mrs. Robert Mowry presided at last Wednesday's business session.

Installation of the new officers will take place in June.

Auxiliary Swells Funds With Benefit

Higgins recreational room in Torrance was the setting on Saturday evening for a gala "Frontier" party given by the auxiliary to the Bay Harbor Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Over 140 guests attended the affair of which Mrs. M. A. Bauman of Torrance, ways and means chairman was in charge. She was assisted by the ways and means co-chairman, Mrs. Chelsea Houcke, also of Torrance.

Accent: Theatre! under the direction of Jack Hudson gave the program which consisted of a Can Can chorus. In the chorus were Phyllis Foss, Phyllis Kelley, Judy Sagenkahn, Beverly Dyer, Bonnie Ruch and Ann Williamson.

Other entertainers were Ronnie Montell, Mary Henderson, Lowell Brown and Iris Steffan. An evening of games with prizes followed. The door prize was won by Mrs. A. F. E. Ewert.

Among the Torrance guests attending the affair were Messrs. and Mrs. E. F. Heinlein, A. F. E. Ewert, James Staver, Marion Humphreys, Paul Harestad, E. T. Whitney, William Boswell, Mrs. X. E. Moran.

Others were Drs. and Mrs. Chelsea Houcke, Fred Stange, of Torrance and Drs. Bowen Jenkins, Rachel Jenkins, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson of Lomita.

Proceeds from this benefit went to the auxiliary's scholarship and hospital fund.

VICKI LIN IS PARTY HONOREE

Mrs. Frank Callahan entertained at a gala party at her home 8245 Bindewald Dr., on March 4, honoring her daughter, Vicki Lin, who was four.

Var-colored balloons were used in decorating. Games were played after which the birthday cake was served with ice cream.

Joining Vicki Lin for the celebration were: Bobby Watstaff, Vicki Nazarian, Skippy Metney, Debra Urback, Linda Martin, Toddy Ferrel and Katy Dugan.

Civil Defense Director Will Speak B&PW Dinner Meeting

Miss Geraldine Hadsell, Chief of Women's Activities Office of Civil Defense, Los Angeles, will be the guest speaker this evening when the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club stages its annual Public Affairs dinner at the YWCA.

Miss Hadsell, who is on the board of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, served for 20 regular and special legislative sessions of the California legislature. She resigned to accept Mayor Roulson's appointment as a deputy director of Los Angeles Civil Defense.

The speaker has served on the state board of the California B&PW clubs and has been active with the B&PW Club.

Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, the Torrance club's public affairs chairman, will present the speaker. Mrs. Molly Marshall, club president, will preside at the meeting. City council members, local political candidates and all Torrance civil defense workers have been invited to attend tonight's affair.

Mr., Mrs. Hugh Dooley, Local Teachers, Present Hugh Mark

Everybody loves a baby... and the fifth grade students at Fern Greenwood and the third grade students at Crenshaw are just as thrilled as their teachers Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dooley, 25810 Skylark Dr. The Dooleys, on March 5, went into the White Memorial Hospital, to bring home their new son, Hugh Mark, who was born there on March 1. The big brown eyed, six pound boy has a shock of brown hair and at the moment is claiming much attention.

The Dooleys moved here two years ago so that they might buy property, one requisite for adopting a baby. They had been teaching on the government reservation at Grand Canyon National Park. So Torrance gained two teachers. Hugh Mark found a home, and two people were made happy with this decision.

Mrs. Dooley teaches the third grade at Crenshaw and Mr. Dooley teaches the fifth grade at Fern Greenwood. They are both Sunday school teachers at the Lomita Baptist Church and Hugh Mark will be dedicated at a service on Mother's Day.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pascoe of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dooley of Ada, Okla.

Last Monday, Mrs. Dooley's pupils, aided by their mothers, gave a stork shower for Mrs. Dooley. The mothers brought cakes decorated with storks which they served with punch and coffee. Mothers were Mrs. Carrol Crabtree, Lawrence Boyce, Lynn Groves, William Drake, Henry Jenkins, Frank Smith, Mary Arnold, J. L. Nolin, John Shackelford, Carl Ericson, Irvin West.

Children attending were Carolyn Crabtree, Dell Clorque, Larry Boyce, Carl Gordon, Linda Evans, Billie Marie Rathbun, Ronald Groves, Susie Drake, Sharon Jeffers, Richard Jenkins, Nikki Potts, Frank Smith, Nancy Arnold, Larry Lee David, Barbara West, Dorothy Wildblood, Cliff Ericson, Cathy Whitehead, Patricia Kinney, Robert Esch, and Linda Jones.

PEO MEETING WEDNESDAY

South Bay Unaffiliated PEO chapter will meet March 21 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. L. Weaver, 609 21st St., Manhattan Beach. All PEO's of the South Bay are urged to attend.

ANNIVERSARY TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lemon, 2721 Andro celebrated their 10th anniversary by taking a champagne flight to Las Vegas. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sneekin, 28904 Matfield Ave.

CHURCH WOMEN MEET TOMORROW

Women of the Hope Church, 3347 W. 174th St., will meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. This group meets every third Tuesday at the church to organize church work. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.



MRS. SAMUEL J. KEITH II (Portrait by Seaman) Recent Bride

Mr., Mrs. Samuel J. Keith II Married in Las Vegas March 1

Now at home to their many friends are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Keith II, who have taken up residence at 4912 Bindewald Rd., in Torrance, following their marriage on March 1, in the Wee Kirk of the Heather, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mrs. Keith is the former Violet Nygren Caldwell of Torrance and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nygren. She is a graduate of UCLA and is a

school nurse in the Torrance Unified School District. She served as an officer with the Army Nurses Corps during the last war.

Mr. Keith, a civil engineer, is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and was an officer with the Seabees during the last war. He is an officer with the Len Construction Co., builders of Torrance View Estates.

Picture of Torrance 37 Years Ago Recalled by Mrs. C. O. Leatherman

By MILDRED C. HUNT

Early days of Torrance are vividly recalled by Mrs. C. O. Leatherman of 912 Cota Ave., who with her husband, a retired Pacific Electric worker, has resided here for the past 37 years. Mrs. Leatherman is a native of Nebraska and her husband came from Ohio. When they moved to Torrance from Los Angeles, they remember the town as having one large building and the first housing project was called Vista Highlands which was developed just beyond Crenshaw Blvd. The mayor at that time was Gilbert Wallace and the first drug store was located on El Prado at the corner of Sartori Ave. Sam Levy's store was then on El Prado and many of the new prominent streets were tomato patches.

The house the Leathermans now live in was one of the first houses built on Cota Ave. Houses could be purchased in those days for \$3500 and \$4000, with lots as low as \$150 and half acre ranging in price from \$750 to \$900.

Mrs. Leatherman recalls clearly the first graduating class at the old Torrance Elementary school which was then located where the Torrance High School now stands. There were 12 students in that first class. Mrs. Leatherman recalls. Grades at the school were from first to 12th.

She remembers Hiram Reeves as being the owner of the first hardware store here and John Foss as owning one of the early grocery stores. The Dominguez Land Co. had an office in a small building across the alley from where the Nowberry's 5 and 10 Cent Store is now located.

They raised four children, three boys and one daughter. Their youngest son, Everett married Dorothy Backstrom whose parents, Mrs. H. W. Backstrom of El Cota, and the late H. W. Backstrom, also are early residents of Torrance. They came here 28 years ago from Utah.

The younger Leathermans, who reside at 803 Cota Ave., have one daughter, Bonnie Mae, who has seven living grandparents. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Eckerley of 711 Columbia Place and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cunningham of Los Angeles.

These two families have lived for years within a short distance of each other and all to-

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FUN AND FUND

Fun and Fund Club of Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347 met at the home of Madelene Hand, 24845 Cypress, Lomita, March 12 for a pot luck luncheon and afternoon of cards.

Madelene Hand, club president, directed the meeting which preceded the luncheon. Plans were made for a food sale to be held in Torrance later in the month. Next meeting will be at Edna Nelson's on April 8. This will be an evening meeting.

Art Group is Exhibiting at Clubhouse

Art lovers from this area are being offered a treat by a group of Palos Verdes artists who are exhibiting at the Torrance Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia. The display, open to the public, will continue throughout next week.

This group of artists meet every Friday morning for field trips in the Palos Verdes Hills. Any one interested in joining the group or securing further information may call Mrs. C. E. Cook, 2909 Chelsea Rd., Palos Verdes.

Nine pictures are included in the present exhibit. They are: "Episcopal Church" by Peggy Clay, of Manhattan Beach; "Stately Mansion" by Vivian Guggell; "Spring in Illinois" by Mrs. C. E. Cook; "Monterey Cypress" by William Padon; "Redwood" by Polly Bynum; "Fishnets" by Mary Douglas; "Bliss" by Charlotte Allen; "Fisherman's Wharf" by Betsy Von Hummerfeld; and "Lilies" by Ann Ledecker.

The clubhouse is open throughout the day to accommodate local artists.



MRS. PAUL GERMAIN (Portrait by Seaman) March Bride

Dorothy Smith Plights Vows With Paul Germain March 2

First Christian Church was beautifully decorated with bouquets of white stock and carnations with pews being marked by white satin bows, when Miss Dorothy Smith became the bride of Paul Germain in an 8 o'clock evening ceremony on March 2.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of 1325 Engracia Ave., Torrance.

Before and during the ceremony Mr. Fred Lincoln sang "Oh Promise Me" and "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Sandra Sanders accompanied at the organ. The Rev. Milton Sipple officiated at the double ring service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white nylon lace and tulle over satin. Her finger tip veil was

held with a pearl tiara and she carried a shower bouquet of white carnations centered with an orchid. She wore the gift of the bridegroom, a matching pearl necklace and earrings.

Serving her sister as matron of honor was Mrs. Ermanelle Benton who was gowned in yellow tulle and carried a matching bouquet of carnations.

Bridesmaids were Anabelle McCray and Marilyn Weber, sisters of the bride. They wore gowns of nylon lace over tulle and taffeta, in the shades of aqua and green and carried matching bouquets. Virginia Jenkins, sister of the bridegroom, also served as bridesmaid wearing an identically designed gown in the orchid color. Susana Jenkins was flower girl and carrying the rings was Charles McCray.

A reception followed in the church hall where a four tiered, decorated cake was served with punch to the wedding guests.

The bride is a graduate of Torrance High School and her bridegroom recently returned from serving six years with the U. S. Army in Japan. They will make their home in Los Angeles.

STUDENTS ON BIG BEAR TRIP

A fun-filled week end at Big Bear was enjoyed by a group of Torrance High School students who were accompanied by Misses Doris Avis, Joan Wootton and Mrs. Sheaffer.

Sliding, horseback riding, tobogganing and dancing were participated in by Nancy Humphreys, Beverly Sowle, Carol Gooler, Judy Powell, Madelyn Hensley, Diane Hunter, Betty Yoshoka, Janet Zuber, Ruth McCune, Kathy Wright and Judy Black.



IN A COTA AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD... there are four generations of both sides of two of Torrance's oldest families still residing in homes which they built, the first on the street. Pictured are the four generations, from left, Bonnie Leatherman on the knee of her great-grandfather, Hugh Eckerley. Next is great grandmother, Mrs. Nell Eckerley, and more great grandparents are Mrs. Genevieve Cunningham and John Cunningham. In the back row, from the left, are Bonnie's parents, Everett and Dorothy Leatherman and then Bonnie's maternal grandmother, Ruby Backstrom, and the little girl's paternal grandparents, Ruth Leatherman and Clare Leatherman. The families have resided here since 1921.



MR. AND MRS. HUGH DOOLEY (Revised Photo) and new son, Hugh Mark